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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/716,737	<b>Applicant(s)</b> PETERSON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> PHILIPPE S. DERAQSHANI	<b>Art Unit</b> 3754	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5 and 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 6-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

The indicated allowability of claims 21-22 are withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to the bottle. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 5 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burch in view of Ordendorff et al and Horiuchi.

Burch shows a container 10, frame portions 11, 12 having apertures 11b, area within 39, and locking means 39. Burch lacks dispensing means. Ordendorff et al show dispensing means 44 to drain the liquid out of the container. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified the Burch container with a dispenser as taught by Ordendorff et al to drain the liquid from the container.

The Burch/ Ordendorff apparatus et al lack the container a bottle (ie having a neck). Horiuchi shows a bottle having a neck 3 to facilitate filling. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have substituted the Burch/ Ordendorff container with a bottle having an neck as taught by Horiuchi to facilitate filling.

Re claims 15-18 the Burch/Ordendorff et al apparatus discloses the claimed invention except for specific shape of the frame portions. It would have been an

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obvious matter of design choice to modify the Burch/Orendorff et al frame portions in the shape rectangular, circular, triangular and irregular and the apertures the same shape as the frame portion or a different shape from the frame portions, since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the shape of a component. A change in shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2-4 and 6-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### ***Conclusion***

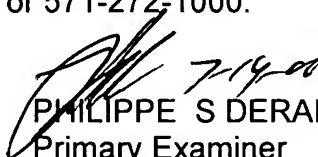
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Laird, III was cited to show another example of a dispensing bottle locked with a frame.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHILIPPE S. DERAKSHANI whose telephone number is 571-272-4925. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 hour days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver can be reached on (571) 272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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